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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 09/248,158

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FOR: DIRECT ADSORPTION SCINTILLATION ASSAY FOR MEASURING  
ENZYME ACTIVITY AND ASSAYING BIOCHEMICAL PROCESSES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:


The Office Action of March 12, 2002 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 12, 2002. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$ 920 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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